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SUBJ: HMS GENERAL SECRETARY MAHESH DESAI FORCED OUT

1. THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE HMS MEETING IN NEW DELHI AUGUST 31 PASSED A "NO CONFIDENCE" MOTION AGAINST GENERAL SECRETARY MAHESH DESAI. EXCEPT FOR DESAI, ALL THOSE IN ATTENDUACE -- 19 OF THE 27 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- ARE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS (R) PARTY. THE VOTE WAS 17 TO 1 WITH DESAI APPARENTLY NOT VOTING. THE COMMITTEE THEN NAMED HMS VICE PRESIDENT NATWAR LAL SHAH AS GENERAL SECRETARY "PRO TEM" AND AGREED TO SHIFT THE HEADQUARTERS FROM BOMBAY TO DELHI.

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2. RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT LABOR MINISTER

RAGUNATHA REDDY IS BEHIND THIS MOVE. DESAI AND REDDY HAVE FOR SOME TIME MADE NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE THEIR DISLIKE FOR EACH OTHER. IN ADDITION, DESAI HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUS FOR HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY USED AGAINST HIM BY THE CONGRESSMEN WHO CONTROL THE WORKING COMMITTEE.

3. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE HMS DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY BETWEEN CONVENTIONS. THE ONLY RECOURSE WOULD APPEAR TO BE A SPECIAL CONVEN-

TION. DESPITE THE APPARENT "ILLEGALITY" OF THE MOVE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DESAI IS OUT, AS THERE IS NOWHERE HE CAN PROTEST. WITH DESAI'S OUSTER, THE LAST VESTIGES OF HMS' CLAIM TO BE POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT HAVE DISAPPEARED. THE HMS IS NOW, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, LIKE THE INTUC, I.E., UNDER THE TUTELAGE, IF NOT THE DIRECTION, OF THE CONGRESS PARTY.

4. SHAH, LIKE MANY IN THE HMS, IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PRE-

SOCIALIST PARTY. HE WAS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CONGRESS (R) PARTY IN GUJARAT AND WAS RECENTLY DEFEATED IN HIS BID FOR ELECTION TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

5. SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE AFL-CIO OF DESAI'S OUSTER IN VIEW OF THE INVITATION TO HIM TO ATTEND THE SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION.
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